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WASHINGTON (UPI)--KEY DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS TODAY WERE

HOPEFUL OF ASSURING A ONE-WAY RIDE FOR A SENATE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL SHADOWS ON THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

SENATE GOP LEADER EVERETT M. DIRKSEN, ILL., PREDICTED MOST REPUBLICANS "WILL BE PRETTY SOLIDLY AGAINST" THE PROPOSAL OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

A SHOWDOWN VOTE WAS EXPECTED TODAY WHEN THE COMMITTEE FILED ITS REPORT, RECOMMENDING THAT THREE OF ITS MEMBERS BE NAMED TO A NINE-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE CIA OPERATIONS.

SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., HEAD OF THE SEVEN-MEMBER WATCHDOG SUBCOMMITTEE NOW OVERSEEING THE SPY AGENCY, INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO SIDETRACK THE PROPOSAL, BY ASKING THAT IT BE SENT TO THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. HE ALSO HEADS THAT PANEL.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD EXPAND THE WATCHDOG GROUP TO NINE MEMBERS, TAKING THREE MEMBERS EACH FROM THE FOREIGN RELATIONS, ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

A RESOLUTION TO PUT THE PLAN IN EFFECT WAS APPROVED 14 TO 5 BY THE FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUP.

DIRKSEN BASED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE MOVE ON GROUNDS THE EXPANSION COULD TEMPT OTHER SENATE COMMITTEES TO GET INTO THE ACT.

RUSSELL HAS SAID THE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE REMAINS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND HE INTENDS TO KEEP IT THERE. THE GROUP NOW IS TECHNICALLY TWO INTERLOCKING SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., SPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., BACK THEIR CLAIM TO A SHARE IN CIA-WATCHING WITH THE ARGUMENT THE AGENCY HAS VITALLY INFLUENCED U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE GETS ITS JURISDICTION THROUGH ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CIA BUDGET, WHICH IS ALWAYS HIDDEN AWAY IN OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS, ESPECIALLY THE PENTAGON'S.

DIRKSEN ARGUED IF IT "MAKES SENSE" TO ADD MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE WATCHDOG GROUP, OTHER COMMITTEES COULD MAKE SIMILAR CLAIMS. THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE COULD CLAIM JURISDICTION OVER CIA PERSONNEL, HE SAID, AND THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE COULD CLAIM THAT CIA BRINGS ALIENS INTO THE U.S. WITHOUT CUSTOMARY RESTRICTIONS.

"I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE IT OPENED UP," SAID DIRKSEN: "IF YOU START FROM THE PREMISE THAT CIA IS MAKING POLICY AND YOU GET FOREIGN RELATIONS FELLOWS ON THE COMMITTEE, AND SOMEONE STARTS A CONTROVERSY, THEY'RE GOING TO WANT TO SEE IT VENTILATED PUBLICLY."

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